



# The Police Corps

## Scholarships for Dependent Children of Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

The Police Corps was created to help address violent crime by increasing the number of officers with advanced education and training who are assigned to community patrol. The central component of the Police Corps is the provision of financial assistance and basic police training to college students who agree to serve as officers for four years, along with financial assistance to state lead agencies for the basic police training. A second component offers no-obligation college scholarships to children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

If a local, state or Federal law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty after the state in which he or she serves joins the Police Corps, his or her dependent children may be eligible for college scholarships. To be considered "dependent," at the time of the parent's death the student must be under 21 *or* be receiving more than one-half of his/her financial support from his/her parents.

Eligible dependent children receive up to \$7,500 per year to cover educational expenses for the current academic year. Dependents may pursue any course of study at any accredited institution of higher education. Allowable educational expenses include tuition, fees, required books, and transportation between home and school. Full-time students also may claim reasonable expenses for room and board.

A student may receive up to \$30,000 under the program. The application process for dependent child scholarships is non-competitive. Interested dependents should contact the "lead agency" of the state in which their parent served. A brief application form must be completed.

The following states participate in the Police Corps:

*Since August 1996*

Arkansas	Maryland	Nevada
North Carolina	Oregon	South Carolina

*Since April 1997*

Connecticut	Georgia	Indiana
Kentucky	Michigan	Mississippi
Missouri	Ohio	Texas

*Since September 1998*

Colorado	Florida	Illinois
Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Utah
Virgin Islands	Washington	

*Since August 1999*

Idaho	Wisconsin
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*Since July 2000*

Minnesota	October 2000	November 2000
	Alaska & Arizona	Virginia



### For more information

Individuals and law enforcement agencies interested in Police Corps scholarships for dependent children of officers killed in the line of duty may obtain additional information from the appropriate state lead agency.

Information on participating states and agency contacts is available through the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington DC 20531 (Phone 1-888-94CORPS). General information on the Police Corps is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/opclee>.